

**REGULAR MEETING  
HEALTH AND FAMILY COMMITTEE  
MAY 29, 2007 – 2:00 P.M.  
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: CHAIRPERSON Rebecca Alegria called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken with a quorum present. All Members present: Kenneth A. Fish, Mary Husby, Duane Waukau, Shannon Wilber, Betty Jo Wozniak, Jerry Waukau and Eva Robinson. Also present: Pat Roberts, Gail Hanseter and Russell.

2. Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated April 16, 2007 and May 11, 2007.

**Motion made by Mary Husby to approve the minutes dated April 16, 2007 and May 11, 2007. Second was by Jerry Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions (Fish and D. Waukau) and 0 absent.**

4. Committee Discussion – A) Election of Officers.

**Motion made by Duane Waukau to nominate Kenneth A. Fish for Vice-Chairman. Second was by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Fish) and 0 absent.**

**Motion made by Mary Husby to nominate Jerry Waukau as Secretary. Second was by Shannon Wilber. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (J. Waukau) and 0 absent.**

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Fair Hearing – Food Distribution.

Rebecca Alegria stated into the record the Rules for the Fair Hearing:

- No comments from the committee only questions for clarification purposes.
- We will save our discussion until after each party is excused.
- Ms. Russell will have her chance to state her case, 15 minutes or less without interruption.
- Pat Roberts, Director of Food Distribution will state her case, 15 minutes or less without interruption.
- Ms. Russell will have an opportunity to rebut or correct any of Pat Robert's, Director of Food Distribution, and position.
- Pat Roberts, Director of Food Distribution, may answer Ms. Russell's rebuttal.
- Then you will both be excused and you may wait in the hallway until we return into open session.

**Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to go into Executive Session. Second was by Jerry Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.**

\*\*\*\*\* EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT RECORDED\*\*\*\*\*

**Motion made by Duane Waukau to come out of Executive Session. Second was by Shannon Wilber. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.**

The Committee wanted Mrs. Russell to know that they understand that she needs help but that the current regulations will not allow the Committee to assist her. The Committee did inform her that she should go to Shawano County to apply for food stamps, apply for the SHARE program (located in St. James Church) or go to the food pantry located at Sacred Heart. Mrs. Russell was not aware that she had these options.

**Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to uphold the decision of the Food Distribution Director-Pat Roberts in regard to Ms. Russell's appeal of her denial based on the regulations. Second was by Jerry Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.**

6. Caregiver Misconduct Manuals CBRF – Review and Approval.

Gail Hanseter was present for any questions or comments that the committee may have for approval of the manual.

The Committee reviewed the manual and Ms. Hanseter will need to update the manual to state how the policy will be implemented. It was also noted that due to our unique jurisdiction, this manual will need to state which law enforcement agency will be contacted and that Human Resources needs to be listed because if someone needs to be terminated, HR needs to be contacted

Ms. Hanseter will bring the manual back with the suggested changes.

7. Health Administrator's Report/Jerry Waukau.

Jerry Waukau presented his report with the need to approve the Community Health Nursing Services along with the Medical Records Policy and Procedures.

**Motion made by Shannon Wilber to approve the policy changes for the Community Health Nursing Services and the Medical Records Policy and Procedures. Second was by Eva Robinson. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (J. Waukau) and 0 absent.**

Financial Policy for Non-Indian Patients- Mr. Waukau explained how our Clinic has to determine if an individual is Native American and if not, then they are considered non-Indian patients and they are billed.

Our Clinic also has an open door policy which means that we service any Native American who walks thru the door. Other tribal clinics (Potawatomi and the Stockbridge-Munsee denies certain services) in the area do not.

The Contract Health Expense report was discussed. When the insurance department started to fund only 80% of the bill, the clinic needs to pick up the 20% difference. The difference comes from the reserve accounts. The Tribe needs to find new money to alleviate the burden of paying for health care. There was some discussion about taxing alcohol but requesting taxation is an extremely sensitive area.

A memo was given to the Committee on the issue of traditional and cultural practices related to keeping body parts after surgical procedures. Shawano Hospital might need to take a sample prior to giving them to the individual to take home but for most procedures; the individual can take them home.

Mr. Waukau informed the committee that the Tribal Clinic was asked to host a planning session on cardiovascular diseases and what the Tribe can do on the local level. The Clinic was asked due to our history with prevention programs. A planning session will be scheduled in the near future to get this event together.

- 8. Domestic Violence Ordinance: Discussion and Recommendations.
- 9. Draft Elders Abuse Ordinance: Discussion and Recommendations.
- 10. Draft Amendment to Fraud Ordinance: Discussion and Recommendations.

**Motion made by Eva Robinson to table # 8-Domestic Violence Ordinance, # 9-Draft Elders Abuse Ordinance and #10-Draft Amendment to Fraud Ordinance. Second was by Jerry Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.**

- 11. Review Monthly Reports.

Maehnowesekiyah no longer sit in the building waiting for clients. The staff takes the initiative to go out into the community and educate. Ms. Wozniak was informed that there has been some positive feedback from the AODA classes that are being held in the Tribal Jail.

The Runaway program is only a referral program. The facility does not house the runaways. They are referred to the closest facility.

There are changes in the Child Welfare on the federal level which are changing how the State will fund tribes in the area of social services. Social Services will now need to write a disaster plan as it pertains to children (due to Hurricane Katrina) for the State funding application.

There is a bill that has been drafted by the workgroup to inform the State Legislature to incorporate ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) into Chapter 48 and Chapter 938 of the juvenile delinquency code and it is ready to be introduced into the State Legislature but the workgroup is looking for a sponsor. Mr. Fish will take a copy of this draft with him to the Tribal/State Relations meeting for consideration.

Mary Husby informed the Committee that Mark Mitchell/Tribal Affairs Unit is being reassigned due to the fact that Mr. Mitchell is spending too much time on Indian issues. A letter of support to allow Mr. Mitchell to stay in his current position will be sent to Lisa S. Waukau will sign a letter to Mike Campbell (supervisor) stating how important his expertise is and that Mr. Mitchell is allowed to continue working with State Tribes and to allow Mr. Mitchell stay in his decision.

Duane Waukau informed the Committee that JOM and his office lost the secretary position as they shared the cost 50/50. He will need to wait until budget time to see if he will get funding for this position. The Recreation Center held their annual Chem-Free night.

Shannon Wilber informed the Committee that she has written two grants, empowered the staff to carry out daily activities; our teen court is doing well and we are the only Tribe in the State that has one; recruited more elders from the Neopit area, hosted the Wise Dating (training the trainer), assisted with the mock crash, Teen Nights are scheduled for the summer months, attending a training session on meth labs with Tribal Police and the County Police Department for the Youth Cadet Program.

## 12. Other Business.

There is a workshop on a pandemic outbreak and Tribal Chairman would like someone from the committee to attend. Faye Dodge, Gary Schuettepelz along with Kenneth A. Fish will be in attendance.

## 13. Adjournment.

**Motion made by Jerry Waukau/Shannon Wilber to adjourn the meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder

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